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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15 on the 4th December* 1924.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Assignment of Lands.

Grants for cultivating land set apart for Adi-Dravidas.

* 2415 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 2149 answered at the meeting, dated 16th July 1926, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government propose to give special grants for cultivating the 322·40 acres of land said to be set apart by the Collector for assignment to Adi-Dravidas?

A.—No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider any proposal to grant in addition to darkhast lands some grants of money? For, merely giving lands does not improve the lot of the depressed classes at all."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"As to the general question, I am not sure that loans are not given; the matter will be examined."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—"May I know, Sir, whether Government intend to give free grants, or loans repayable within a certain period?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"Much more likely to be the latter. Anyhow, the matter will be examined."

Forests.

Forest building at Adoni.

* 2416 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the answers furnished to question No. 9, dated 18th August 1924, and question No. 415, dated 21st August 1924, at the respective meetings of the Legislative Council, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how the two statements made, viz., (1) that the building in question was let temporarily to the Mission on a monthly rental of Rs. 10 and (2) that the building was rented temporarily for hospital purposes, can be reconciled with each other;